

Imagine . . . Price to Vernal in Just Two Days



LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY

## Favorite Dream of 1890s Was Rail to Uintah Basin

In the late 1890s and the early 1900s new railroads in Utah were something for imaginative minds to ponder. One of the favorite projections was a line into the Uintah basin. The country was rich in agricultural products and other natural resources. All that stood between the area and prosperity was a railroad.

Intermittent campaigns for rail facilities were conducted by the people. If a dull day hit the Salt Lake newspapers, at least one of them was bound to project a new railroad into the basin. That day never came. Probably never will, now that good roads and motorized transportation have brought the section closer to cities.

In the interim the people in the basin struggled along with primitive transportation. They depended upon horse-drawn vehicles. Stages

were popular with those who used common carriers. The accompanying picture, submitted by Gladys N. King, 410 North 2nd East, Price, shows how the people got about in those days. It was taken in Price in 1904 in front of the Co-op store, now the northwest corner of Main and 1st West.

At the time it was the only public conveyance available between Price and Vernal. Operated by E. C. Lee, uncle of J. Bracken Lee, mayor of Price, horses were changed four times on the trip. First stop for lunch was at Soldier Station in Ninemile canyon, overnight stop at The Wells and on to Myton and Vernal the following day. The vehicle is an old Concord. Had no springs, rocked back and forth on heavy leather straps, running lengthwise under the body.

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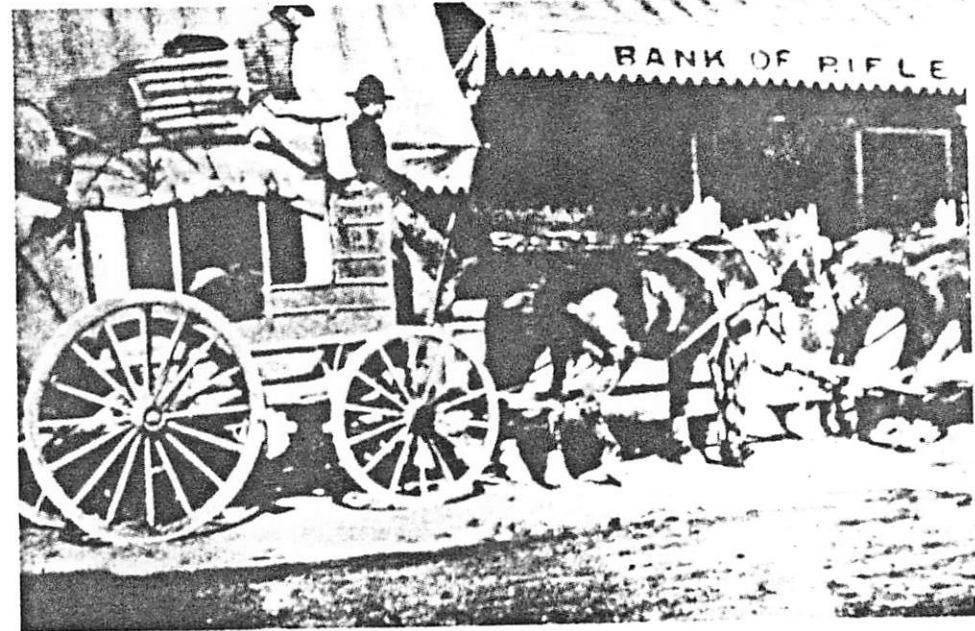
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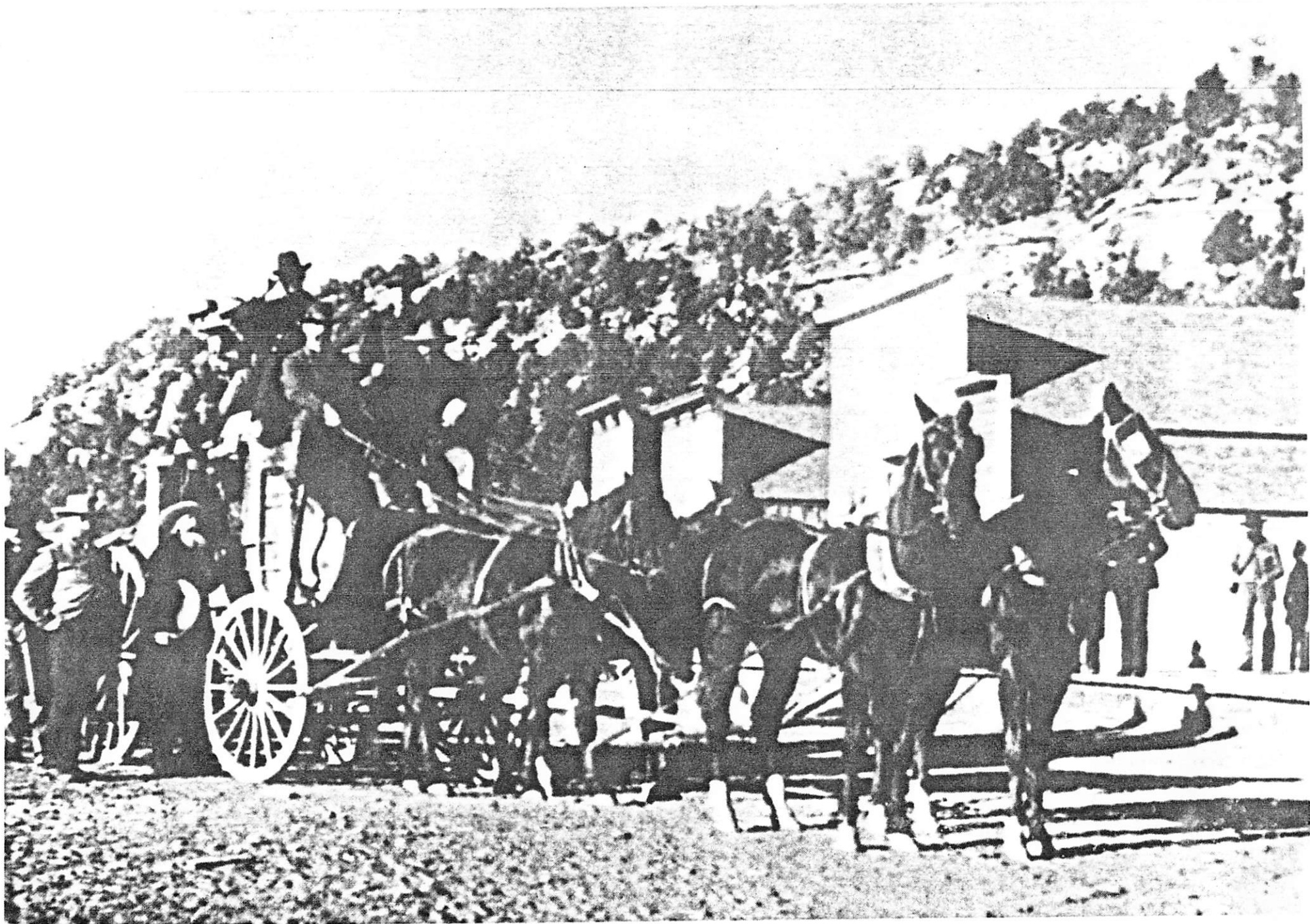
Stage Coach as  
U S Mail Carrier



A heavily-loaded stage (typical of early Colorado coaches) arriving at Rifle.

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A Gilmer & Salisbury stage schedule listing stations along its Arizona and New Mexico route.



A heavily-laden Barlow & Sanderson stage heading for Santa Fe.